

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 242

By Dennis

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Lieutenant David Killingsworth for his thirty years of service as a member of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and his preservation of the State's musical tradition.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those law enforcement professionals who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, working assiduously to promote and protect the safety of the State's citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is also fitting that this General Assembly should recognize and celebrate those Tennesseans who strive to maintain the cultural heritage of the State and carry it forward for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant David Killingsworth has served with probity for thirty years in the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP), and he has also devoted much of his time and energy to preserving and promoting one of the most important aspects of the State's culture; and

WHEREAS, currently assigned to the Jackson office of the THP, Lieutenant Killingsworth has diligently worked alongside his fellow troopers to ensure safe highway travel, offer assistance to stranded motorists, aid those involved in highway accidents, and enforce the laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dedication to the safety and security of his fellow Tennesseans, Lieutenant Killingsworth is also a careful conservator of the State's musical heritage; and

WHEREAS, a practicing musician and historian of the State's musical traditions, Lieutenant David Killingsworth is a talented fiddler who preserves the music of Appalachia by playing it; he favors the bluegrass music that originated with the Irish, Scottish, and English

settlers who brought their instruments and the musical forms of their homelands with them when they came to the New World; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Killingsworth is one of the founders of the Clay Waggoner Memorial Bluegrass Classic and a promoter of Bluegrass Day in Tennessee, observed in May each year; and

WHEREAS, his interest in preserving such traditions may be attributable in large part to his rural upbringing; as a child, Lieutenant Killingsworth learned to cherish family, cultivate integrity, treat his fellows with decency, and appreciate the past and the lessons it has to offer; and

WHEREAS, he is also an avid hiker, an amateur astronomer, and an amateur photographer, preferring to turn his lens toward the beauty of nature; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are indeed fortunate to count Lieutenant David Killingsworth among their ranks; his dedication to their safety and well-being as well as his enthusiastic attention to the musical traditions of this State make him an invaluable Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Lieutenant David Killingsworth for his service as an officer in the Tennessee Highway Patrol, thank him for his efforts to preserve and extend the State's venerable musical traditions, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.